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Question: Does this mean that the U.S. has dropped its opposition to the use of subsidies in sales to the Soviet Union?

Answer: It does not. However, in dealing with fungible commodities, the addition of supplies to the world market, whether or not there are subsidies involved, necessarily means that there is more which can be bought by the Soviet Union or any other buyer. Thus there are always spill-over effects. Our hope is that Western countries will not subsidize their trade with the Soviet Union. If we can achieve that goal, we will have accomplished quite a lot. Indeed, under the GATT subsidies code we are working toward a general diminution of subsidies in world trade.

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